

of the introduced Ring-necked Pheasant, in which it is stated that hybrids between this species and the Sooty Grouse are of frequent occurrence. An attempt to domesticate the pheasants, it is said, has met with an encouraging degree of success.

The illustrations of this beautifully printed brochure include a colored plate of the male 'China Pheasant,' and the following half-tone plates: Peterson's Butte, where the pheasants were first liberated; a female 'China Pheasant'; its nest, full of eggs, and the same nest, with the egg shells after hatching; pheasant chicks; a view in the Willamette Valley, the home of the pheasants; a male Sooty Grouse; a hybrid — 'China Pheasant' + Sooty Grouse; then, on succeeding plates, a Willow Grouse, a Sage Grouse (male), Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse (female), Oregon Ruffed Grouse, Mountain Partridge, and Valley Partridge. All are from mounted birds but from excellent specimens, and with good back-ground effects.— J. A. A.

Giglioli's 'Avifauna Italica.'— As indicated by the full title,¹ this volume of more than 800 pages is a catalogue of the birds known to occur in Italy, numbering 496 species, with their local vernacular names, a statement of their manner of occurrence and distribution in Italy, and a critical examination of their local variations. Italian birds appear to possess an unrivalled number of vernacular designations, the enumeration of which, for the commoner species, forms a large part of the text of the present work.² There is no technical synonymy, and the species are not described; the extended annotations relate wholly to their distribution and manner of occurrence, with mention of their various subspecies, as recognized by modern authors, and in general their condemnation as puerile innovations. In other matters of nomenclature the author is also extremely conservative; tautonymic designations and trinomials are to him an abomination. His nomenclature is strictly binomial, and the forms recognized by him are all full species. He has, indeed, only unsympathetic words for these modern innovations (see especially pp. xiii-xviii of the Introduction, and elsewhere *passim*).— J. A. A.

¹ Ministero di Agricoltura, Industria e Commercio | — | Direzione generale dell' Agricoltura | — | Ufficio Ornitologico | — | Secondo Resoconto | dei risultati della inchiesta ornitologica in Italia | — | Avifauna Italica | nuovo elenco sistematico delle specie di uccelli | stazionarie, di passaggio o di accidentale comparsa in Italia; | coi nomi volgari, colla loro distribuzione geografica, | con notizie intorno alla loro biologia, ed un esame critico delle variazioni | e delli cosiddette sottospecie | compilato dal dottore | Enrico Hillyer Giglioli | Professore ordinario di Zoologia e Anatomia dei Vertebrati | nel R. Istituto di Studi Superiori in Firenze, Membro del Comitato ornitologico internazionale | e Direttore dell' Ufficio ornitologico | [Seal] Firenze | Coi Tipi dello Stab. Tipografico S. Guiseppe | 1907 — 8vo, pp. XXIV + 784. Lire 10.

² The Index to the vernacular names occupies 70 pages of small type, of three columns to the page!